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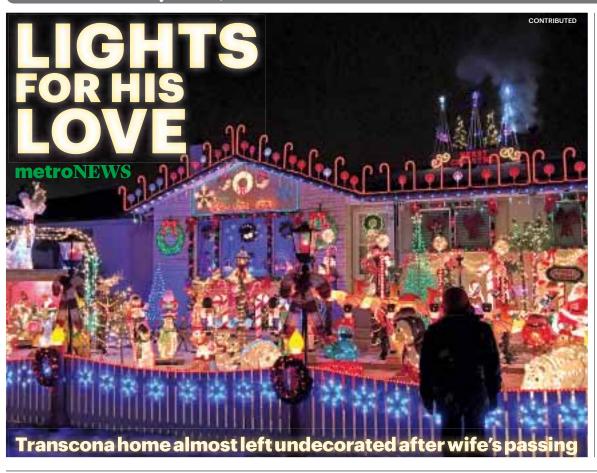


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Advocate says tickets 'not legal'

Lawyer points to lack of bylaw, parking signs



Braeden **Jones** Metro | Winnipeg

The city may have issued more than 2,000 tickets over the recent residential parking ban, but the man who publicly disputed his ticket last winter is once again calling them into question.

"We've put (the city) on notice that in fact, they're not legal," said Todd Dube of WiseUpWinnipeg. After Dube's initial grievance for tickets issued on residential streets without proper signage during the 12-hour residential snow clearing, the city relented and announced it would only ticket drivers who failed to move

their cars while the ban was in effect from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Dube had his lawyer take a look at tickets issued overnight, such as those 2,047 tickets issued since last Saturday evening.

A letter from Dube's lawyer Richard Zaparniuk to the city states "that it would be improper for the city to issue any tickets" during that time, "unless appropriate signage was posted.

The only way the City can issue tickets to vehicles which are parked on a street between (11 p.m. and 6 a.m.) is if the city has actually passed a by-law which prohibits parking on a street during said hours," Zaparniuk wrote. "I have not been able to locate any such by-law."

Coun. Janice Lukes said she and her colleagues will be "receiving a briefing on a lot of the details from the legal department in the new year.'

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As Rudolph gears up to guide Santa's sleigh, science explains his shiny red nose. World



🛑 IN BRIEF

RCMP say impaired driver hit traffic light pole, continued with it on hood

A man has been charged with impaired driving after a vehicle was found with a traffic light standard on its hood and windshield west of Winnipeg.

Manitoba RCMP spokesman Robert Cyrenne said the vehicle hit the light pole in Headingley, then dragged it for almost a kilometre before the vehicle broke down.

Cyrenne said it happened around 6 a.m. on Saturday. The man had double the amount of the legal limit of alcohol in his system, he said. Cyrenne said no one was injured and the minivan's transmission conked out and stopped the vehicle. METRO

Manitoba adds two more provincial parks

The Manitoba government is adding two more provincial parks and expanding existing parks.

The two new provincial parks are in the Interlake, located on the shores of Lake Winnipeg. Sturgeon Bay Provincial Park and Kinwow Provincial Park will include 14,500 hectares and 8,400 hectares of land, respectively.

Also included in the announcement is the expansion of Moose Lake Provincial Park and Pembina Valley Provincial Park — and the addition of six more ecological reserves.

The majority of the lands will remain open for licensed hunting. METRO



Rana Bokhari says the upcoming election is a great opportunity for the Liberal Party of Manitoba. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

Voters eye 'rebuilt' Liberal hopefuls

POLITICS

Liberal leader Bokhari says 2016 will be her party's year



Stephanie Taylor Metro|Winnipeg

The stars may be aligning in Manitoba's political universe to bring good fortune to Liberal premier hopeful Rana Bokhari next April.

With several rounds of polls showing the Manitoba Liberals

a top pick among potential voters heading into 2016, the lawyer-turned-rookie politician recognizes her party is being seen as an alternative to what she calls a tired NDP government and disconnected Progressive Conservatives.

"There's a great opportunity," she said during a year-end interview.

"This is a party that has rebuilt. It is a new message. It's a new group of people. We're young, we're fresh, and we're vibrant. I think to ignore that aspect of it is somewhat silly."

With the candidates selected and policies mostly developed, Bokhari — who is also camI'm just an everyday farm girl from Anola, Man., who wanted to make a difference

in this province.Liberal leader Rana Bokhari

paigning for her own seat in Fort Rouge — said the main challenge is simply the battle for votes. The party currently does not have official status or a single seat in the legislature.

But those scratching their

heads at how a new Liberal government would pay for promises that include a yearly \$25 million sales tax rebate to municipalities and annual \$10 million toward the conversion of student loans to grants will be kept waiting a bit longer.

"Whenever our time is ready we'll absolutely happily do it," she said of releasing a costing plan.

Much like Premier Greg Selinger, Bokhari is okay with running more red in the province's books, but wouldn't say what strategy she has to tackle the province's growing deficit, which after Tuesday was pegged at \$485 million.

FLECTION

Province runs up deficit

Manitoba's NDP government will carry a bigger-than-expected deficit into the spring election campaign.

A budget update released Wednesday predicts the government will end the 2015-16 fiscal year with a deficit of \$485 million in its core operations — \$64 million higher than expected in last spring's budget.

The overall budget deficit, which includes Crown corporations and other public agencies, has increased to \$550 million from \$422 million. The yearly deficit figure has changed little since 2012, despite tax and fee increases.

"It's stubborn and it's not going in the right direction," said Finance Minister Greg Dewar.

The update shows Manitoba overspent on health care and family services in the first six months of the current fiscal year. Dewar said the government would rather run up a bigger deficit than deny people frontline care.

"Someone gets sick, they need to be treated. Someone breaks a leg, it needs to be mended."

Other factors include new collective agreements signed with doctors, nurses and other health professionals, and a busier-than-expected forest fire season, Dewar added.

The figures are bound to provide fodder for the opposition Progressive Conservatives, who have signalled that they will focus on fiscal management in the upcoming campaign.

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System failed baby: Judge

'Quality health care is the right of all Canadians⁵

A judge says an overloaded and outdated medical system - common in northern communities failed a Manitoba girl who died two months after she was born.

Drianna Ross died of an infection in November 2011 because information was not passed on from a remote nursing station to a hospital in Thompson, ineffective drugs were given and "the seriousness of her condition was not recognized in a timely way," Judge Don Slough wrote in an inquest report released Tuesday.

"There is no doubt that the provision of health care in the north is challenging," he said in the report.

The co-operation between (health) agencies, in collaboration with First Nations communities, must expand in its scope, with the goal of ensuring that residents of some of Manitoba's most disadvantaged commun-



Drianna Ross died from a treatable infection, an inquest found. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CONTRIBUTED

ities have access to the quality health care that is the right of all Canadians.'

The inquest was told that Drianna was born healthy in Thompson General Hospital and returned with her parents to God's Lake Narrows, a remote fly-in community of about 1,300 people.

The acceptance of MRSA as a fact of life ... cannot be tolerated.

Judge Don Slough

When she was two months old, her parents contacted the community's nursing station repeatedly over three days about their daughter's high fever.

There is a doctor in the community on weekdays, but the inquest was told the physician's workload is very high, so Drianna

was treated by an inexperienced nurse who had not learned protocols for infants with high fever.

Eventually, the girl was flown to the Thompson hospital, diagnosed with pneumonia and placed on antibiotics.

But she died from a bacterial infection called methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA, a condition that would not be addressed by the antibiotics she was given.

Slough's report says the nurse who took care of Drianna in Thompson was inexperienced, lacked specialized pediatric training and felt "overwhelmed" with his workload the night Drianna

The report points to problems Slough said are common in northern communities overworked and inexperienced health-care professionals, outdated technology that forces doctors and nurses to rely on paper copies instead of electronic records, and an acceptance of MRSA and other infections as commonplace.

Manitoba Health Minister Sharon Blady said she will look at the report's recommendations and make changes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

🛑 IN BRIEF

Crash kills driver, 67

A man in Winnipeg has died after being struck by a dump truck.

Police say emergency crews responded to a crash in the area of Wellington Avenue and Century Street around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

They found a 67-year-old man in critical condition; he died in hospital.

Police said the man had been driving west on Wellington when he was hit by a dump truck northbound on Century.

No charges have been laid, and police continue to investigate. METRO

Roadside checks nab 17

The second week of Winnipeg Police's festive season roadside checks led to 17 impaired driving arrests.

Police stopped 431 vehicles, administered 38 roadside breath tests, and issued eight warnings leading to a 72-hour licence suspension.

Nine arrests were for drinking and driving, one was for driving while impaired by drugs, and seven were for refusing to take a breath test. METRO





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Light show survives spouse

CHRISTMAS

Radio host offered to pay power bill to keep it going

Evan Matthews For Metro | Winnipeg

Transcona has two daughters and the spur of social media to thank for continuing a beautiful Christmas decorating tradition.

Peter Kwiatek, 62, lost his wife Pam to cancer this past July. While he and Pam used to decorate their home with spectacular light display, he said he wasn't sure he'd con-

"Pam and I had been doing this for 20 years," said Kwiatek. "After Halloween, I was cleaning up and saw the decorations. I thought deeply about it."

Kwiatek said morning-show host Shadoe Davis from 97.5 Big FM recently posted an old picture of the decorated house on social media.



Peter Kwiatek and his wife Pam decked their house out with a spectacular light display yearly.

Then the snowball started

"My niece made a phone call to 97 and told them about the work we do on the house and that I wasn't going to do it.'

Shadoe contacted Kwiatek and offered to pay for his hydro bill for the month of December.

Kwiatek said he would decorate the house along with his two daughters and asked Shadoe to donate the bill's amount to Winnipeg Harvest instead. Shadoe agreed, even taking it a step further by offering to host a show and food



Pam and I had been doing this for 20 years.

Peter Kwiatek

drive at Kwiatek's home.

In past years, Kwiatek said the Transcona community has sent Christmas cards and gift cards thanking he and his wife for the display.

"Harvest was Pam's choice, (we talked about it) before she was diagnosed with cancer," said Kwiatek. "She picked Harvest because she felt there were more people out there who needed it.'

So this year he says neighbours should donate to Har-

"This is a great example of the community spirit we encourage at Harvest," said Winnipeg Harvest spokesperson, Donald Benham. "We're so thankful and moved that Mr. Kwiatek, and Shadoe, would do this.'

The show and food drive will take place at 503 Kildare Ave. on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m.



🛑 IN BRIEF

Top whisky sold out all over the province

Manitobans looking to get someone a bottle of the world's best whisky for Christmas are out of



Northern Harvest Rye. CHRIS LOEWEN/

Crown

luck.

Royal's Northern Harvest Rye has sold out at every location in the province.

Manitoba Liquor Marts' spokeswoman Karen Hiebert says they got a surprise shipment Monday and people were lined up at the doors Tuesday morning.

She says the liquor, which is made in Gimli, Man., sold out within minutes at some Winnipeg locations.

Hiebert says they won't be getting any more until January.

Jim Murray's "Whisky Bible" named the rye as the World Whisky of the Year for 2016.

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Before and after: Buddy is slim and trim after losing more than 100 pounds thanks to Hull's Haven Border Collie Rescue, CONTRIBUTED

Tubby pooch slims down plenty



Braeden Jones Metro | Winnipeg

Weight loss is a common resolution this time of year, but Buddy the Australian Shepherd is heading into the new year as trim as he's been in a dog's age.

In March 2015, Buddy, 6, weighed 180 pounds and should only weigh about 65 pounds, according to one of his foster parents Angela Hand, a vet technician at Stonewall Veterinary Clinic.

"He was with an elderly couple (before) and food was love, he just got too much of it, and not enough exercise," Hand said of Buddy's life before he came to her through Hull's Haven Border Collie Rescue in Winnipeg.

"He could barely walk," she

She eventually helped Buddy work his way down to a much more svelte 71 pounds, with a special food, exercise and encouragement from his friends at the vet clinic.

It was slow going at first, but step by step Buddy made

That progress and his weekly weigh-ins were shared on Buddy's 180 Story: A New Leash on Life," a popular Fa-cebook page where supporters cheered him on.

In November, Buddy underwent a skin removal surgery, and "now he's fully recovered and fully ready to go to a new home," Hand said.

Buddy, just over 6 years-old, is "high energy," and will need to stay on a healthy diet and exercise routine, but is also "easy going" and "happy to hang out on the couch."

Cities to get green holiday

Half of all Canadians will see a white Christmas this year, in what The Weather Network's chief meteorologist is calling "a tale of two seasons.'

While most of Canada's landmass will be blanketed in the requisite two centimetres of snow to reach white A Christmas status, "you can pretty iStock much divide the population right down the 🥒 middle," Chris Scott said, explaining that most ada's major cities will be green

on Christmas Day. Scott said that southern Ontario straight through to Atlantic Canada will be snow-free, and some areas can even expect rain on Christmas Eve.

But from northern Ontario to British Columbia, it's a different story, he said. In those regions - excluding Vancouver and Victoria — the ground will be snowy.

But, he said, there shouldn't be any "big-ticket storms" on Christmas Day.

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IN BRIEF

ISIL building its own app

Defence contractors and security groups are warning that the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant is developing its own smartphone app.

Canada's top military commander, Gen. Jon Vance, says the app doesn't represent some great technical achievement but is a concern as a tool for radicalization. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Drone enthusiast McKinley Raham lost his drone in a Toronto park, but was reunited with it after he made lost-pet-style posters. Transport Canada wants to make sure new pilots know the rules and risks around operating the machines. TODD KOROL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Gifting drones has regulators nervous

TRANSPORTATION

UAVs a risk to manned aircraft, says director

A new toy under the tree this year is making Transport Canada nervous.

On Christmas morning, it's expected thousands of drones will be unwrapped and take to the skies in test flights across the country, all piloted by newbie aviators.

With the "exponential"

growth of the drone industry, the federal regulator wants to make sure the new pilots and they are indeed pilots know the rules and risks around operating their new machines.

"Our real concern given the growth in this industry is around the risk to aircraft in the air and to people on the ground," said Aaron McCrorie, Transport Canada's director general of civil aviation.

McCrorie said few recreational drone operators have any training. "Ignorance is perhaps our biggest challenge. People don't know what it means to operate safely," he said.

The caution comes at the end of a year when commercial pilots have reported a growing number of

worrisome encounters with drones, also known as iStock unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). At times, they are just

a nuisance. In November, a "concerned citizen" in Cambridge reported a drone flying low overhead. "The drone was flying just below the street lights and over people's heads and very close to residences," according to a preliminary

Transport Canada report. Transport Canada has

> ness campaign to promote the safe operation of

launched an aware-

drones. Newwould establish

required training and age restrictions, depending on the type of drone and where it would be flown. For example, the rules don't allow drone flights within nine kilometres of an airport. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Close calls with drones

An Air Canada jet at Toronto's Pearson International Airport deviated from its flight path to avoid a UAV flying directly in the busy departure route.

2 July

The pilots of a Jazz Airlines Dash 8 turboprop reported a near miss with a drone during their arrival at Edmonton International Airport. The crew initially thought it was another aircraft but as it passed below and to the left, the captain identified it as a UAV travelling in the opposite direction.

August

Water bombers fighting a forest fire in B.C. were grounded for several hours after a drone was spotted in the area. Afterward, the B.C. government said it would consider changing its Wildfire Act to possibly punish irresponsible drone operators.

Canadians hoping for pardon

Marcus Richardson is, in the eyes of the law, a criminal.

Never mind that a judge ruled the six kilograms of cannabis police found in his car was for severely ill patients at a medical marijuana dispensary.

He's a criminal — and so are scores of other Canadians who face barriers to travel and work because they were caught with a drug that the government now intends to legalize.

"My charge wasn't like, 'He was practising civil disobedience at a place that was helping sick and dying people improve the quality of their last days on earth," Richardson said.

"If the charge read like that, I'd have no problem with it. It reads like, 'I'm a marijuana

Canadians with criminal records for marijuana crimes are eagerly waiting to see if Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will offer pardons when pot is legalized. Tens of thousands are charged with possession every year, and if convicted face consequences that can be devastating.

Richardson was driving across Vancouver's Lions Gate Bridge in 1998 when police stopped him at a roadblock and found several kilograms of marijuana and \$6,000 in his trunk.

A judge found the drugs were intended only for B.C. Compassion Club Society members. But he was convicted of possession for the purpose of trafficking and received a suspended sentence and six months' probation.

Today, the 42-year-old father of three holds a federal licence to grow and possess marijuana and runs a business selling equipment for medical cannabis users. THE CANADIAN PRESS



🛑 IN BRIEF

Students killed in shell attack on Syrian school

The Syrian government and an opposition monitoring group say at least nine students have been killed and several wounded by a mortar shell that slammed into their school in the northeastern city of Deir el-Zour.

Syrian TV says the shell that hit the Harabesh elementary school for girls in a government-held part of the city on Tuesday was fired by "terrorists" - the term the government uses for all armed groups fighting against its forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. sends advisers to Afghan district under siege

Fierce battles were underway Tuesday between Afghan forces and the Taliban in southern Helmand province, where the insurgents have almost completely captured a strategic district as Britain deployed military advisers to the restive area.

A British Ministry of Defence statement late Monday said that "a small number of U.K. personnel" have been deployed to Helmand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The science behind Rudolph's nose

Everyone knows Rudolph has a red nose but what about his eyes?

Prompted by questions from his four-year-old daughter, anthropology professor Nathaniel Dominy of Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., recently wrote a scholarly paper

on how the unique properties of reindeer eyes might explain the advantage of having a very shiny nose, particularly if it produces red light. Dominy was

already familiar with recent re- A reindeer grazes at the search on rein- California Academy of deer eyes. Sci- Sciences in San Francisco. entists in Great the associated press file Britain have dis-

covered that unlike most mammals, reindeer can see ultraviolet light, meaning white polar bears or wolves that absorb UV light would stand out more against a snowy background.

Reindeer eyes also include reflective tissue that appears to glow when light hits it. In reindeer, the tissue changes from a golden colour during the summer to a deep blue in winter.

"What happens is that at night, the animals are trying to dilate their pupils to allow as much light into the eye as possible, and because those mus-

cles are so active, it actually blocks little valves in the eye," Dominy

explained. "The pressure in the eye builds up and compresses that tissue in the back of the eye, which causes the refractive properties to change

While that change could boost an animal's ability to spot food in the

snow when daylight in the Arctic is dim and purplish, it would be a distinct disadvantage on a foggy Christmas Eve because fog blocks blue light, Dominy said. Enter the red nose.

Of all the colours, red light travels through fog fastest, making it ideal for guiding Santa's sleigh.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Migrants arrive on the Greek island of Lesbos on Nov. 2 after crossing the Aegean Sea from

Over 1M migrated to Europe in 2015

REFUGEE CRISIS

The majority travelled by sea, say experts

More than a million people driven out of their countries by war, poverty and persecution - entered Europe in this recordbreaking year, migration experts said Tuesday, a symbolic milestone capping a mass movement of people that has challenged the concept of European unity.

With just days left in 2015, the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration said 1,005,504 people had entered Europe as of Monday, more than

four times as many as last year. Almost all came by sea, while 3,692 others drowned trying to make the crossing.

IOM director-general William Lacy Swing urged European governments to make migration safer.

"We know migration is inevitable. It's necessary and it's desirable," he said, add-

ing: "Migration must be legal, safe and secure for all — both for the migrants themselves and the countries that will become their new home.'

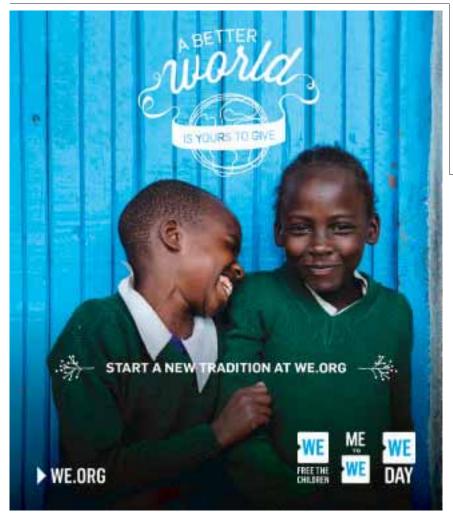
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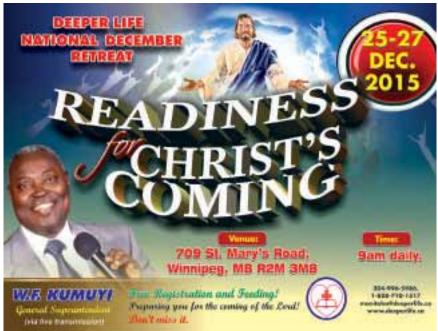
About half of the people entering Europe were Syrians, while 20 per cent were Afghans and 7 per cent Iraqis, IOM

ment records in Greece, Italy, Bulgaria, Spain, Malta and Cyprus, spokesman Joel Millman said. He noted that the real number of people entering Europe may be even larger, because authorities are struggling to track all arrivals given the sheer volume.

Most people entered Europe via Greece, which took in 820,000 people this year, nearly all of them crossing from Turkey by boat across the Aegean Sea.

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Research shows this year's MERS virus outbreak in South Korea was due largely to "superspreaders" — social butterflies who infected up to 80 other people.

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Dear Ellen, I say it's OK to use emoticons in emails. My mom says no way. What do you

:), Vancouver Dear :),

If you're sending an invitation to a karaoke birthday party, the more emoticons/emoji the better. But if you're submitting a resumé or student application, best to avoid them. Then again, if the place you're applying to is clown school, then yes, go emoticon go.

As with many matters of etiquette, it depends.

Personally, I have no problem with emoticons in emails, which (unlike image-based emoji) are made with letters and symbols and can be fun and creative. ^_^

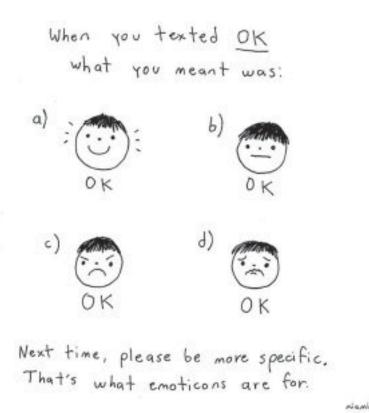
In fact, I wish I'd learned to use :D and :) and :) and :P years ago when email was new and people were forging the proper approach to online etiquette.

For famously rude old-school journalists, the cursory way we dealt with each other in person and on paper only got worse with electronic communication. Though fussy about spelling and punctuation in published articles, our emails were and still are sharp, direct and barely literate, because, you know, our time is so damn valuable. (Also, no one is paying us by the word in an email.)

For my non-journo friends, however, this "quick, efficient" approach

An emoticon is most definitely recommended ... if there's any risk of misunderstanding. **THE QUESTION**

I say it's OK to use emoticons in emails. My mom says no way. What do you say? —:)



was often perceived as "curt, rude and offensive." I've now learned that when a tight deadline or a long meeting does not permit sending a proper email, I can at least take the time to add a friendly smile or cheerful exclamation point to a oneword message in order to signal goodwill until I have more time to write or call.

An emoticon is most definitely recommended if you can't resist jocularity and there's any risk of misunderstanding. The difference between "Thanks a lot, hate you too ;P" is vast.

As for more elaborate emoticons, I usually steer clear. For one thing, they take too much shift-hunting and option-pecking on the keyboard. For another, they can be misconstrued. When you write, "Yes I did see the vicious reviews of my work on Twitter" and then add +_+ it's not really clear if the emoticon means "No comment" or "I am so freaked out, I got wasted and now I'm in a coma."

Finally, a word about image-based emoji. They're sometimes annoyingly inevitable, as when programs automatically translate your:) emoticon into a trademark happy face. And Google's decision to replace Gmail's retro emoji with grotesque yellow blobs is bewildering. But even those inelegant

shapes can amuse when you're stuck on the bus, idly composing inane messages to close friends or small children

In short, dear :) in Vancouver, when it comes to using emoticons or emoji in emails or elsewhere, use common sense, err on the side of respectful restraint and never, ever use them with your mom.

Happy holidays!



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Here's how to stop Canada Post's slowmotion death march

R. Michael Warren



"We will stop Stephen Harper's plan to end door-to-door mail delivery in Canada and undertake a new review of Canada Post, to make sure it provides high-quality service at reasonable prices to Canadians, no matter where they live."

Of the hundreds of election promises made by Justin Trudeau, this one ranks among the most naive.

Ending home delivery for the one-third of Canadians who still receive it saves Canada Post more than \$200 million a year. It's a key part of its \$700-million Five Point Action Plan to make the corporation profitable.

The Liberals' "fully costed" campaign platform doesn't mention compensating Canada Post. It's as if the corporation can somehow lose \$200 million in savings and not slide back into operating losses — covered by taxpayer subsidies.

The "new review" of Canada Post implies there is a silver bullet that will allow it to deliver fewer letters to a growing number of addresses at a reasonable price.

The Harper government allowed Canada Post to struggle for years with a "Transformation Plan" that failed to deliver the promised financial and service results.

It hired Moya Greene, an executive with privatization experience, to head up Canada Post in 2005. She proposed a gradual privatization. The corporation was profitable, debt free. worth about

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\$1.5 billion and had a fully funded pension plan.

Harper failed to act when the conditions were most favourable. By 2013, Canada Post was bankrupt. Its pension plan was underfunded by \$6.5 billion. (All these financial obligations are guaranteed by Canadian taxpayers.)

The Harper government said if Canada Post would implement the tough five-point plan, it would receive four years of relief from making up its pension deficit. This delays but doesn't reduce the obligation.

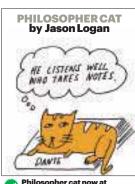
The plan relies on rate increases and savings from removing home delivery. With pension obligations temporarily lifted, it produced a short-term profit last year. But by the middle of this year, it was again facing losses.

So Canada Post may soon be looking to the government for subsidies to continue letter mail service, something Tudeau neglected to mention. Meanwhile, its pension deficit swelled to \$6.8 billion.

Cheaper competitors can make money on all but remote rural routes. It's cheaper to pay them for this than to support Canada Post's monopoly. Canada Post should sell its 90 per cent, \$1.5-\$2-billion stake in Purolator and be privatized, with the proceeds going to its debt and pension shortfall.

Trudeau should end Canada Post's death spiral with real changes that should have been implemented years ago.

R. Michael Warren is a former corporate director, Ontario deputy minister, TTC chief general manager and Canada Post CEO.



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Savoury pies a winter delight

NEW COOKBOOK

This book of 100 recipes will warm your belly all season

Members of Team Pie will love Dinner Pies - a 100-recipe book devoted to savoury pies to get them through the winter.

Focusing on hearty meat- and root-vegetable-based pies presented as a full meal, Dinner Pies' (\$36) first chapters are a primer of essential tools and ingredients for pie crusts, tips on rolling out the dough, and a dozen recipes for the crusts used throughout the book (sorry, no vegan options).

From there, about 100 recipes for savoury pot pies, hand pies, turnovers tarts, quiches, galettes, and cobblers fill the 269-page book. Classic pies — sausage and Guinness, Shepherd's pie and asparagus and goat cheese quiche are covered along with some more, ahem, American entries like Fritos chili pot pie, Tex Mex chicken tortilla pie and taco pot pie. You'll have to look at the author's previous books for the sweet pies.

Ken Haedrich is the man behind The Pie Academy website (thepieacademy.com), an online recipe hub and shop for all things pie-related. He's also written half a dozen other cookbooks centred on American comfort food (he is from North Carolina, after all).

The Curried Chicken is Haedrich's "favourite chicken pot pie

Curried Chicken Pot Pie

There's enough filling here to make three or four individually sized pies. Cover extra filling with aluminum foil and store in fridge for an easily reheated dinner. The curry adds aromatics but not much heat, so if you want it spicy, add 1 tsp cayenne.

Ingredients

- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1 cup finely chopped white onion • 1 1/2 cup peeled and finely
- diced carrot • 1 cup finely diced red bell pep-
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tbsp mild curry powder
- 1 3/4 cups no-salt added chicken broth
- 1 1/4 cups whole milk or halfand-half
- 1 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1/3 cup canned pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)
- 1/2 tsp table salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 large egg beaten with 1 Tbsp whole milk or half-and-half (to brush on top of pie crust)

Bring a medium-sized pot of water to a rapid boil over medium-high heat. Add chicken breasts and cook until no longer pink in middle, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Let cool to room temperature and dice into small cubes. Set aside.

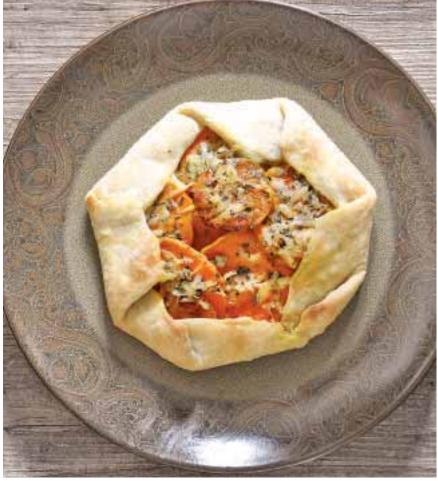
Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and pepper. Cook until vegetables soften, 10 minutes.

Add flour and curry powder. Stir, 1 minute. Add chicken broth slowly, stirring frequently to dissolve curry powder and flour. When broth thickens, add milk. Continue to cook at a slow simmer another 3 minutes, stirring frequently to prevent burning.

Stir in chicken, chickpeas, peas and pumpkin puree. Add salt and pepper. Taste. Adjust seasoning as needed. Continue cooking until the liquid in the pot becomes a thick gravy.

If making more than one pot pie, divide the filling into oven-safe ramekins or small pans that can each hold about 1 to 1 1/4 cups of filling. Make sure to leave a bit of room for the pie crust on top. Set aside.

Divide the pie dough ball into the number of pie pans you are using. On a lightly floured surface, roll out each dough ball



This curried chicken pot pie is The Pie Academy's Ken Haedrich's favourite chicken pot pie recipe. CONTRIBUTED

with a lightly floured rolling pin until the dough is slightly bigger than the diameter of the pie pan. Drape the flattened dough over the top of the pan, pressing any extra dough on to the side of the pan to seal the pie. Using a fork or a knife, poke two or three

holes in the centre of the crust. Repeat for the other pies.

Lightly brush the dough with the egg mixture.

Place the pot pies on an unlined baking sheet in the oven. Bake at

375 F for 35 to 45 minutes, until crust is golden-brown and filling is bubbling hot. Place on a cooling rack for at least 15 minutes before serving.

Makes 4 servings. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



SEASON RECAP

Fargo series took on a life of its own

Fargo's second season is over, but many of us remain mesmerized by it, as if we were flat on our backs staring up at a UFO.

In the midst of the TV industry's creative and cultural peak, the Calgary-produced show slipped onto the scene and quietly, steadily propelled itself up critics' best-of lists.

The first season of creator Noah Hawley's anthology for FX was tremendous in its own right — it effortlessly shrugged off any expectations viewers had in connection with Joel and Ethan Coen's iconic 1996 film — but Fargo's second season is even better.

Fargo succeeded by using snippets of multiple dramatic constructs to assemble a firstrate, postmodern pastiche that felt familiar and fresh all at once.

In Season 1, Hawley wove elements of the Fargo movie into his plot, paying homage to the Coen Bros.' genius at nearly every turn.

To help give the TV version of Fargo a life of its own, Hawley created unforgettable standalone roles in Season 2 with no connection to the tale that preceded it.

Each had a crucial place in the plot's house of cards; never did you get the sense (as you did in True Detective's second season) that scenes had to be divided equally among the major stars. Instead, you can't imagine Season 2 of Fargo without any of them.

The end result of Hawley's brilliant splicing process intentionally blurred the lines between the movie and the first two seasons - a third season is scheduled for the spring of 2017 — and between objective and subjective reality. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Kirsten Dunst in Fargo. HANDOUT

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Show exposes incompetence

THE SHOW: Making a Murderer, **Episode Four (Netflix)**

Brendan Dassey, a 16-year-old boy with an IQ of 75, phones his mother from prison in Manitowoc County, Wisc. He's just confessed that he and his uncle, Steven Avery, raped and murdered photographer Teresa Hallbach.

"I didn't do it, though," he tells his mother (Avery's sister). "But why did you say it if you didn't do it?" she cries, audibly panicked. "I guessed," Brendan says. "Like I guess at my homework."

You might want to watch this true-crime series behind closed doors, because I guarantee you will be yelling at your screen. It follows Avery's case over a ten-year period. The gross incompetence it exposes — of the police, lawyers, and judges - is breathtaking, and the degree to which they manipulate people and facts is deeply troubling.

Making a Murderer feeds the appetite for true crime stories evinced by the huge successes of the podcast Serial and HBO's miniseries The Jinx: The Lives and Deaths of Robert Durst.

If the first season of the former was about race in America

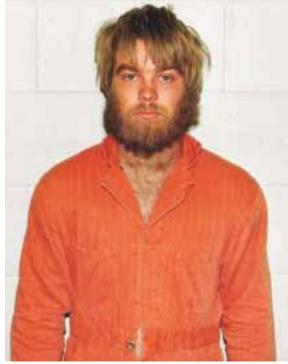


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(the second season just started), and the latter about money, Making a Murderer is about class. Avery's family owns an auto salvage business (much of the voiceover is accompanied by shots of rusting cars). They're undereducated (his mother calls newsmagazine shows, "Them things that's on TV always"). His girlfriend is in and out of prison for drunk driving. Seeing what easy targets they are will make you queasy.

"Poor people lose," Avery sums up. "They lose all the time."

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Making a Murderer is a show that is ultimately about class.





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Itain't heavy, it's the Tahoe



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THE COMPETITION



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Quick steering response makes heavy. Much of that has to **Chevy SUV feel** much smaller

Jil **McIntosh** For Metro Canada



Between gas prices, congestion and parking woes, fullsize SUVs don't have the cachet they once did. But there's still a place for them, and so GM has completely redesigned its Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban.

The two are essentially the same, but the Suburban rides on a longer wheelbase, with more legroom and cargo space. The 2015 models got the update, while the 2016 versions are unchanged except for some trim items.

I drove the Tahoe. Like the Suburban, it uses a 5.3-litre V8 as before, but this is a new version that, at 355 horsepower, is more powerful than the 320-horse version it replaces. It comes in two- or four-wheel drive, and when properly equipped, it can tow up to 3,856 kg (8,500 lbs), an important factor in a vehicle that many people buy in place

For all its bulk, and it is big, the Tahoe doesn't feel do with its quick steering response, which makes it feel like you're piloting something much smaller. The cabin is extremely quiet, and the strong engine accelerates swiftly and smoothly when power is needed. Its fuel economy will seem high if you're accustomed to a smaller crossover, but its published figures are the best of its competitors.

The interior is handsome, and the first- and second-row seats are comfortable, but the third row is another story. Perched above the rear axle, these flat-cushioned chairs are close to the floor and leave you sitting with your chin on your knees. Unless you have small children, or friends desperate for a ride, you'll probably keep them folded down to give you more cargo space.

Available in three trim lines, the Tahoe also offers a number of option packages that add some nice features but also can get pricey. My mid-range LT trim was optioned to more than \$68,400, but still didn't have a navigation system. That said, for those in the market for a full-size SUV, Chevrolet's redesigned version is very well done and worthy of a look.



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Former Tampa Bay coach doesn't expect the Steven Stamkos hysteria to die down soon: 'It's big because Stammer's big

CANADIANS TO WATCH IN FINLAND

The world junior hockey championship begins on Saturday with Canada facing the United States in the preliminary round. Here are five Canadian players to keep an eye on starting on Boxing Day:

Right-winger, New Westminster, B.C.

Virtanen rode his success with last year's world junior champions on to the Vancouver Canucks roster, officially making the NHL team on Nov. 1 as a 19-year-old rookie. Since that impressive start to the season he's struggled with one goal and four assists in 19 games. He went scoreless in two games while on a conditioning assignment with the American Hockey League's Utica Comets before joining Canada's junior team. He could be a leader in the Canadian locker-room but also has the opportunity to turn around his season in the NHL.



Centre, Calgary

Point is arguably the best player in the Western Hockey League and a veteran of Canada's 2014 gold-medal junior team. However, he injured his shoulder on Nov. 17, forcing him to miss several games for the Moose Jaw Warriors and wear a non-contact iersey for Canada's selection camp. He played in Canada's pre-

competition games but also missed some practices to rest his injury. If he's on the ice he's one of Canada's most dynamic playmakers. If he's injured, Canada will need to scramble to find a distributor of Point's ability.



MASON MCDONALD

Goaltender, Halifax

Hockey Canada's original plan was to carry two goaltenders, with Mackenzie Blackwood being the presumptive starter and McDonald keeping him sharp as a skilled backup. That all changed when Blackwood was suspended for eight games by the OHL on Dec. 8. Now Blackwood can't dress for Canada's first two games of the world juniors, putting McDonald between the pipes and last-minute addition Samuel Montembeault on the bench. McDonald, at least against the United States and Denmark, will have all eyes on him.



Left-winger, Sorel, Que.

One of the youngest players on Canada's roster this year, Beauvillier impressed at selection camp in early December, scoring four times in two games against Canadian university all-stars, including a hat trick. His strong play continued into pre-competition exhibition games. He could be a breakout star of the tournament if his hand stays hot.



DYLAN STROME

Centre, Mississauga, Ont.

All the attention has been showered on outspoken winger Mitch Marner ahead of the world junior championship, but Strome will be the centre for Canada's top line at the tournament. The third-overall pick of the 2015 NHL draft, Strome is Canada's most talented player in Helsinki, Finland. How he and longtime friend Marner react to the pressure of the event could decide if Canada will repeat as world champions

THE CANADIAN PRESS/GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS





In this photo taken Dec. 13, the Panthers' Bene Benwikere swings a bat as he takes the field.

CURTIS COMPTON/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Panthers coach strikes out use of bat

It's the No Fun

League for a

reason.

A frustrated Ron Rivera will no longer allow Carolina players to bring baseball bats on the field before games, even though he said the Panthers have done

nothing wrong.
The Panthers coach is upset about what he said are untrue reports that some players taunted Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. with physical threats and homophobic slurs before Sunday's game.

Rivera said Tuesday that the

Panthers wouldn't stand for that kind of behaviour and the team found no evidence

it occurred.

it if I don't.

When asked if the Panthers hadn't broken any league rules why he made the decision do away with taking the bat on the field, Rivera said, "because I'm going to hear

Ron Rivera

ter," Rivera said. "So to avoid the

"That's the truth of the mat-

situation and set of circumstances. let's just eliminate it. So that's what we're going to do. Again, it's the No Fun League for a reason.'

Neither the Giants nor Beck-

ham have released any statements accusing the Panthers of taunting the wide receiver before the game with physical harm or homophobic slurs.

Rivera said homophobic slurs are an important social issue and he doesn't take them

"If there is something out there that is factual, that there is truth or hard evidence, please present it to us as well so we can act accordingly," Rivera said. "We don't tolerate that here."

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Sarah McLachlan

RECIPE Roasted Shrimp and Broccoli over Soba Noodles



Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

Skip takeout and whip up this easy noodle dish.

Ready in

Prep time: 25 minutes **Serves 4**

Ingredients

- •1 x 8 oz package of soba noodles
- •1 lb large shrimp, peeled and cleaned
- 1 head of broccoli, trimmed into small florets
- 4 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Get a big pot of water on to boil.

2. In a small bowl, mix together your oils, vinegar, lemon juice and a bit of salt and pepper. In a large

bowl, toss together your broccoli and half of that marinade.

Now spread it out evenly across two baking sheets and pop it in a hot oven for 10 minutes.

3. In that same bowl, toss your shrimp with the other half of the marinade. When the broccoli has been in the oven for 10 minutes, take out the sheets, turn the broccoli over and add the shrimp evenly across the two sheets. Put it all back in the oven for another 10 minutes.

4. Cook your soba noodles according to package instructions.

5. In the final 2 or 3 minutes, take the baking sheets out and give everything another stir. In the end the broccoli should be firm but tender and all the shrimp should be opaque and pink.

6. Drain the soba noodles and turn them out onto a big platter. Spoon the broccoli and shrimp over top. Pour any juices that have accumulated in the pan on top.

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* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Go your own way and do your own thing. Don't expect support from others. You'll discover you're better off without them anyway. You know what needs to be done, now do it.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your instincts will guide and protect
you. Don't be fearful. Anyone who
doubts that you can be original
will have those doubts silenced.
Now is the time to take chances.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will give freely of your time and energy today but take care that your generosity is not abused. Sometimes you can be too easygoing for your own good. Give only to those who deserve your help.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Surprises are likely, so brace yourself for unexpected changes. You may not have much control over what's taking place in your life, but that does not mean you won't enjoy it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

If you're going to take a risk, if you're going to put everything you've gained on the line, now is the time. There is no guarantee you'll win but the odds are definitely in your favour.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will go against accepted wisdom today. Deep down you know your way is best, even if the whole world is against you. You will make some outrageous decisions, and each and every one of them will be right!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will surprise yourself and do something that scares you. You might even make a success of it.
But even if you don't you'll still impress people in positions of power.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do what makes you happy, not what makes other people happy. If that makes you unpopular in certain circles, so be it. You might find yourself better off financially without them as well.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You feel inspired to do something
out of the ordinary. Whatever it may
be, and whatever the reaction, you're
sure to make a success of it and
you're sure to make money from it.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Let your hair down and let others see you are not at all the conservative
Capricorn they think you are. Don't worry if you shock certain people.
The way to get noticed nowadays is to act just a little bit outrageous.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't worry if you fall behind in your
everyday routine. What matters is
that you give some thought to the
direction your life is heading. A
change of course may be necessary.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20 You have to be a bit more adventurous now. If you want to get in other people's good books then do something different, something they would never expect of you.

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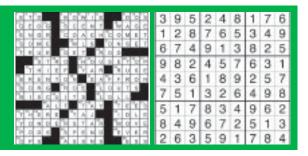
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